

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Geoffrey Wesling.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 5, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Congratulated the girls' High School basketball team for making it to the semi-state.
2. Congratulations to wrestler, Joe Garland, upon his win as state runner up.
3. We are still getting familiar with the BIS Digital system. We have another piece to be trained on before we can begin streaming.
4. The Mayor said he is still in need of 2 Councilmen to serve on the CSO committee. Berkemeier and Sheehan agreed to serve on the committee. Pavey will schedule a meeting soon.
5. Pavey asked Council if they had all received a copy of the Reedy financial report. Councilman Smith said he did not. Pavey said he would forward it to him.
6. We are moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan but it is probably still another 4-6 weeks out.
7. There has been a meeting with the State in regard to re-establishing the EIDD. The State would like each community to meet and review the SEDS to see if the same strategy applies or if changes need to be made. After that time the State will have another meeting with us and incorporate any changes. They will meet with each of the 6 counties and see if they wish to still be involved. They are hoping to have a regional planning up and running by the end of the year.
8. Received word from the regional Toys for Tots that they would like to get involved with our community again to fill the void whenever the Frazier's step down from this.
9. We have obtained a corporate sponsor to underwrite the Grand Prix later this year.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copley said she had forwarded an email request from Ray Weber from Emerson requesting an extension of time to file the CF1 for real property until May 31, 2013, but did not receive any replies from anyone. She asked Council if they wished to grant the extension. Sheehan made a motion to allow the extension to Emerson until May 31, 2013. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Amphitheater** – None.

**Comprehensive Plan** – None.

**Trash Sub Committee** – Councilman Smith said that there seems to be more and more trash around town. This is increasing the problem of skunks and other animals. He has had several residents ask when the City is going to move forward with a new policy and possibly providing containers. Smith asked Council what their feelings were and if they thought it was time to move forward.

Bridges said we need to think about the situation with the utilities and the CSO first since this will have a big impact.

Pavey said after the utility committee meet we will have more input as to the direction we need to go.

Smith suggested that it may be a good time for the Street Department to do another bag count. Street Commissioner Miller said this would be a good time to proceed with a second bag count.

Smith said he would ask Best Equipment to come to a meeting next month and give Council a chance to look at the various containers they provide.

Sheehan suggested that we contact Connersville since they just implemented a new system and ask for the pros and cons. Smith said he would contact Connersville.

**Employee Benefits** – None.

**APC/BZA Building Code** – None.

**Utility Working Committee** – The Mayor will schedule a meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police** – None.

**Fire** – Jenkins passed around pictures of properties with trash problems. Jenkins said he will contact Dave Zelner regarding code enforcement to see what we need to do to get the IMPC back in order so we can further address these issues.

Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works agreed to hire Adam Schock and Brian Wagoner contingent on approval by PERF and approval by the City Council contingent upon their review of the future budget plans. Both are currently volunteer firefighters. Schock and Wagoner will replace Andrew Connolly and Chuck Kemker.

Sheehan asked if there were any concerns in regard to the ambulance question. He said next year there may be some difficult decisions to make regarding the budget.

Jenkins said there is money in the budget for 15 firefighters, along with part time employees if the ambulance service becomes a reality. Jenkins asked if the budget decisions were only in regard to the fire department or all departments. He said right now he is just asking to replace employees. Jenkins said he has never been given clear direction as to part time employees other than we might use them for EMS.

Mayor Pavey said we need to be able to continue what we are currently doing. We need to make a decision as to whether we are going to keep the staff we have since we have employees that will soon be eligible for retirement.

Conner made a motion to hire Schock and Wagoner contingent upon PERF approval. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street** – None.

**Park** – None.

**Animal Control** – Warden Moran handed out her intake report.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2013-4** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2013-4 transferring interest from the Electric Liquidation Fund and money from the CCI fund to the

General Fund in the total amount of \$20,200.00. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Meth Clean-up** – Police Chief Tucker gave a summary of the steps that need to be taken after a meth lab has been detected to put the property back in a livable state.

**Police Department Vehicle Purchase** – Chief Tucker asked to purchase a 2013 Chevy Tahoe for \$17,405.27 to replace a 2008 Dodge Durango. The vehicle would be paid for out of federal forfeiture monies on hand. Councilman Smith asked if the vehicle was a 4 wheel drive for use in inclement weather. Tucker said it was a 2 wheel drive. He said a 4 wheel drive would be an additional \$3,000.00, and it would not be pursuit rated. He said he has spoken with other departments with the 2 wheel drive and they said the 2 wheel drive has met all their needs. Bridges made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle requested by Tucker. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Relay for Life** – Erica Meyers and Julie Mann came before Council to discuss Relay for Life in Rush County. Meyers reported that the American Cancer Society celebrates its 100 year anniversary. There has been a 20% decline in cancer deaths in the United States since the 1990's. There has been a 50% drop in smoking since the 1960's, which has contributed to a significant drop in lung cancer rate. Rush County is expected to experience 103 new cases of cancer in 2013. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for Relay for Life in Rush County. In the 12 years Rush County has raised \$775,000.00. Meyers and Mann thanked everyone for their support. They also thanked the Park Department for their help each year during Relay for Life.

**Letter to SBOA to Further Clarify BIF Spending** - Mayor Pavey said he has written a letter to the State Board of Accounts asking for parameters as to how the Build Indiana Funds can be spent. We have received guidelines from SBOA. We will send a letter back asking for their definition of "community center" to see if that matches our definition.

**I.P. Phone System – Savings/Efficiency Update** – Ron Jarman reported that he has been reviewing the City's phone bills and looking into how we can save money and become more efficient. He said he is looking into connecting all city department phone system with fiber. He said he expects we could save approximately \$10,000.00 per year after the initial cost. We would need to purchase a new phone system with a cost of approximately \$20,000.00-\$27,000.00, and labor would be approximately \$7,000.00-\$10,000.00. Jarman said he just received an update on the cost of the phone system of \$18,000.00. We will be requesting additional quotes.

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Pavey said this will allow calls to go to one central location, therefore, when there is no one at a particular location the phone can be answered at City Hall and directed to the appropriate department.

**Claims** – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE**

Mayor Pavey informed Council that we will be receiving a petition to de-annex property North of Town which is owned by Lila Meyer.

Councilman Smith handed out a sample of guidelines for scoring for potential tax abatement requests. He said he thought it might be good to incorporate these guidelines and asked Council to review.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER